

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING  
HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT NO.1  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was held on May 28, 2015 at the Hopewell Township Municipal Services Building Titusville New Jersey at 7:00 PM.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER / STATEMENT OF NOTICE**

Chairman Chipowsky called the meeting to order and stated that the notice of the meeting had been posted on the Hopewell Township Municipal Bulletin Board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, Times of Trenton, and had been placed on the Hopewell Township Fire District Web-Site in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Chipowsky.

**ROLL CALL BY CHAIRMAN**

Present: Chairman Chipowsky, Vice-Chairman Lenarski, Treasurer Cseremsak, Commissioner Kintzel

Absent: Secretary Lynch

Also Present: Clerk Varrasse, Chief Morehouse (Hopewell Fire Department and Emergency Medical Unit), Captain Ferrara (Pennington First Aid Squad), Chief Malkiewicz, Captain Beninato (Union Fire Company and Rescue Squad), Chief Deforte (Pennington Fire Company), Chief Martin, (Hopewell Township Fire District No. 1)

**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

Treasurer Cseremsak motioned to accept the December 18, 2014 Regular Session Minutes, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer Cseremsak motioned to accept the December 30, 2014 Regular Session Minutes, and was seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA)**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2015-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER CONCERNING REVIEW OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD MADE AT A MEETING OF SAID BOARD ON APRIL 22, 2015 IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A 40A:5A-7**

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board at its meeting of April 22, 2015 issued positive findings of its review of a bond question approved at the annual election of The Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Fire District") on

February 21, 2015, authorizing the issuance of \$175,000 of fire district bonds to finance the purchase of an ambulance; and

**WHEREAS**, such resolution of the Local Finance Board has been filed with the Secretary of the Fire District, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-7 requires that the governing body of the Fire District, within 45 days of receipt of the Local Finance Board's findings and recommendations, shall certify by resolution to the Local Finance Board that the members thereof have personally reviewed the findings and recommendations, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the governing body of the Fire District have personally reviewed the Local Finance Board's findings and recommendations on the proposed project financing as evidenced by group affidavit of the governing body, and

**WHEREAS**, failure to comply with this requirement may subject the members of the Fire District to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the governing body of The Board of Commissioners of Fire District No. 1 in the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey hereby states that it has complied with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-7 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to the Local Finance Board to show evidence of said compliance.

The resolution was moved by Commissioner Kintzel and seconded by Vice-Chairman Lenarski. The motion to pass the resolution carried. Chief Martin explained that he had obtain written approval from the Local Finance Board and was thanked by Vice-Chairman Lenarski for having had done so.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Cseremsak read the summary of the Bills and Claims dated May 28, 2015 and was seconded by Commissioner Kintzel. Chief of Emergency Services Martin provided a report on the disbursements for consideration by the Board. A roll call vote was held and the following amounts were authorized:

Bill List:		\$51,258.14
Payroll Ending:	May 16, 2015	\$37,288.10
Total Disbursements:		\$88,546.24

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. EMS BILLING:  
No report.

B. WATER STUDY:

No report.

**C. FIRE DISTRICT BUILDING PROJECT:**

Chief Martin reported on a generator that may be installed via a grant at the proposed emergency services building location and answered questions from the Board on the matter.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chief Martin reported on communications matters. Discussion occurred on communications matters that involved the Board, Chief Martin, and Captain Ferrara.

**F. UFCRS SPRINKLER SYSTEM:**

Chief Martin reported on further efforts to hire a professional engineer to assist with the re-bidding of the tank relining project.

**G. VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT:**

Chief Martin reported on social media posting and a Mother's Day campaign that received local press coverage. Chief Martin reported that recruitment materials will be present at Pennington Day. Chief Martin answered questions from the Board related to the recruitment web-site and recruitment successes. Chief Martin reported on possibly obtaining a tent for large community events. Discussion occurred with the Board and Officers present related to social media postings.

**H. REPLACEMENT AMBULANCE:**

Chief Martin reported on the possibility of purchasing the ambulance via a co-operative purchase.

**I. PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK:**

Chief Deforte reported on the progress with the specifications and ordering of the replacement ladder truck. Chief Deforte answered questions from the Board on the construction of the ladder truck.

## **HOPEWELL VALLEY EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT REPORT**

Chief of Emergency Services Martin reported on efforts underway to prepare and train for crude oil that is being transported locally on railroads, an application before the Hopewell Township Zoning Board for a mulching operation, the plan for changes to the Pennington Circle. Discussion occurred between the Board, Captain Ferrara, Chief Deforte, and Chief Martin regarding the Pennington Circle. Chief Martin reported on construction that is planned for a railroad bridge on Route 31, and a Hopewell Township Planning Board application for a sub-division off of Pennington Lawrenceville Road. Chief Martin reported on a solar panel project planned for the Hopewell Valley Central High School and reported on the completion of a student internship. Chief Martin reported on the upcoming fireworks show, juvenile firesetter training, Operation Head-On, and an origin and cause investigation in Hopewell Borough. Chief Martin requested permission to purchase award plaques for graduating seniors and the permission was granted.

## **UNION FIRE COMPANY AND RESCUE SQUAD REPORT**

Chief of the Union Fire Company & Rescue Squad Malkiewicz provided the fire companies latest calls for service statistics. Chief Malkiewicz reported on the repairs to the Teli-Squirt. Chief Malkiewicz reported on the bridge replacements along River Drive in Titusville. Chief Martin was asked to assist Chief Malkiewicz. Discussion occurred between the Board, Chief Malkiewicz, and Captain Beninato related to the bridge. Captain Beninato discussed the ambulance replacement and Chief Martin answered questions related to the ambulance replacement. Discussion occurred related to purchasing via a co-op.

## **PENNINGTON FIRST AID SQUAD**

Captain of the Pennington First Aid Squad Ferrara provide the Squad's latest calls for service statistics. Captain Ferrara reported on mutual aid assignments with decision occurring with Chief Martin, Captain Ferrara, Clerk Varrasse, and the Board. Captain Ferrara reported on the ambulance re-mount.

**HOPEWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMU REPORT**

Chief Morehouse reported on recent calls, the Memorial Day Parade, Operation Head-On, the replacement floor in the fire station.

**PENNINGTON FIRE COMPANY REPORT**

Chief Deforte reported on the latest calls for service statistics for the Pennington Fire Company. Discussion occurred between the Board and Chief Deforte regarding mutual aid ladder requests.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (NON AGENDA)**

Vice-Chairman Lenarski expressed his appreciation to Chairman Chipowsky for his efforts with the Hopewell Valley 9/11 Memorial Golf Tournament.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION:**

An executive session was not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Treasurer Cseremsak motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Kintzel at 7:44 PM. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Matthew G. Martin  
Chief of Emergency Services